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UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY CHAPTER MEETING

BUILDING OUR TRANSIT FUTURE - SOUND TRANSIT'S EXPANSION PLANS AND DESIGN STANDARDS

Social 5:30-6:00PM
Dinner and Presentation 6:00-8:00PM
Ivar's Acres of Clams - Pier 54
1001 Alaskan Way-Suite 102
Sound Transit is currently delivering the largest voter-supported transit initiative in North America. Not only will this expansion transform mobility in the Puget Sound region, but it will also bring multiple associated benefits such as transit-oriented development, public art, job creation, and access improvements in the areas around our stations. How does an agency undertake such a large assignment while planning for consistency of passenger experience, system identity, and maintenance practices? This presentation will provide an overview of Sound Transit's mission and current projects, then take a deeper dive into the establishment of the agency's design standards and specifications. We will then look at projects currently in design and discuss the ways in which the public and the Architectural, Engineering, and Construction (AEC) community can engage with the agency.
Catherine Calvert, AIA ENV SP LEED AP CCS

Catherine has been a Principal Architect at Sound Transit since 2022, following many years as Managing Director of VIA Architecture and as a sole practitioner at C-Square Consulting. Catherine has led a variety of large transportation-focused architectural design projects including Sound Transit’s Angle Lake Station and Operations and Maintenance Facility East, and the Tacoma Amtrak Cascades Station. She is currently acting as owner’s architectural representative for Sound Transit’s Lynnwood Link and Federal Way Link Extensions, as well as the new Operations and Maintenance Facility South. Catherine holds a CCS certification as spec writer and has been an active member of the PSC CSI ProSpec committee for several years.

Gavin Schaefer, AIA MRICS PMP LEED AP BD+C

Gavin has been a Principal Architect at Sound Transit since 2023. He is an architect and project manager with a strong background in product/systems thinking on large-scale interdisciplinary teams at a variety of different organizations including Sidewalk Labs, Katerra, the City of Vancouver, Perkins&Will, and DIALOG. Gavin is currently updating Sound Transit’s standards from urban design to the smallest detail in support of the ST3 portfolio.

REGISTER HERE!
CLASS 3: May 28 12:00-1:00 PM: Submittals and Substitutions and RFI, Oh My!

Submittals, substitutions, and RFI are a huge aspect of construction administration work. But what do we really need to see and are we getting that information? Are we making our own jobs harder for “future us” and our clients? Are we requiring documents that no party actually needs even as we miss critical documentation for ourselves?

Join this round table discussion with panelists representing the Owner, Architect, Contractor, and Product Rep viewpoints to learn what each party really needs in order to create and/or to see in these documents, and how we can adjust spec requirements to get the best outcome for our projects.

PANELISTS

- Brianne Tomlin, Architect; Facilities Project Manager of Capital Planning & Construction, Renton School District #403
- Kendall Williams, Senior Associate; Project Manager/Project Architect at MG2
- TBA Contractor
- TBA Product Representative

Learn more here. Looking forward to seeing you then!

Click below to watch our previous classes in this series on YouTube:

CLASS 1: For Beginners Writing/Editing Specs

CLASS 2: For Design Practitioners Working with a Specifier

REGISTER HERE!
SPRING CERTIFICATION EXAM CYCLE

The spring 2024 exam cycle is now open. Stand out as an authority and show your expertise with a CSI credential!

REGISTER HERE!

ANNUAL CHAPTER MEETING:

AWARDS BANQUET AND BOARD INSTALLATION

Our Annual Chapter Meeting (per Bylaws Article VIII) will be held on Thursday, June 13 at 13 Coins in Seattle. We will look back at this year’s accomplishments, acknowledge the service of the outgoing 2023-2024 Board, and welcome the incoming 2024-2025 Board. The Puget Sound C.S.I. Memorial
Foundation may have student scholarships to present. We will thank the Foundation’s retiring officers and welcome the new ones.

The June meeting will also be a time to recognize David Axt, third term as President, acknowledge successful committee work, and give out special Puget Sound Chapter awards. Be sure to join us for a fun celebration! Register today!

2023-2024 AWARD NOMINATIONS OPEN

The outgoing President awards Certificates of Appreciation to committee chairs, deserving members, and others who were important to the success of the fiscal year. Nominations accepted until the May 9 Board Meeting. Let’s get deserving members and firms recognized for their outstanding contributions to our chapter!

- **Donald E. Paine Award** (formerly named for Hugh S. Hallet) as the Highest Chapter Award for a PSC member who gave exemplary service to the Chapter.
- **David E. Thomas Award** (formerly named for Albert E. Barnes) as the Industry Member of the Year for a PSC member who provided industry service to the Chapter.
- **John D. Finnegan Award** as the Specification Excellence Award for a PSC member who showed proficiency of specifications used on a project.
- **Donald H. Schuman Award** as the Substantial Impact on Membership Award for a PSC member that improved Chapter membership.
- **Craftsmanship Award**, an Exceptional Craftsmanship Award for a firm or individual for work done on a project in Puget Sound.
- **Cooperation Award**, a Business Cooperation Award for a firm and their relationship in reaching Chapter goals.
- **Citation Award**, a Technical Achievement Award for an individual showing distinguished service in advancement of the Chapter’s technical program or showing distinguished accomplishment in the field of technical research or education.

Get your nominations in today! Email: David Axt, david@axtconsulting.com or Matt Gregory, MollyTaffy@msn.com. Let’s get deserving members and firms recognized for their outstanding contributions to our chapter!
Go Mariners! RSVP today! Email your name to office@psccsi.org.

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BOARD MEETINGS

Monthly Board of Directors meetings are typically held at noon on the second Thursday of each month. The monthly NW Region Board Meeting are held the third Thursday of each month. Please contact office@psccsi.org if you would like to attend these meetings as a guest.
A wise old man (John Jeffcott) once said, “I consider product representatives to be part of the design team. Any architect/specifier that tries to write a specification without the input of a product representative is a fool.”

I completely agree. Product representatives know (or definitely should know) their products more than design professionals. Product representatives know more about their products than can be gleaned from the internet or product binders (remember those things?). Good product representatives have specialized knowledge in such things as:

- Who are the local distributors?
- Who are the approved applicators/installers?
- What products perform best in our climate?
- What are the latest and greatest products?
- Where have the products been locally installed?
- What are some issues that have come up with those types of products?
- Are there any special detailing issues that I should be aware of?
- What are some of the “tricks of the trade” for installation?
- What is the general pricing per square foot of installation?
- Who are your local competitors?
- What are the industry associations' technical information affecting the products?
• Is there any special detailing?
• Is there compatibility issues with other products?
• What are the Code requirements affecting the products?
• Are there any accessory products that are required for installation?

I will often send specification sections and drawing details over to a trusted product representative to get their input. Occasionally, they will point out corrections that will improve my specifications. Product representatives are a great help to me in assuring that I give my clients quality up-to-date specifications. This is a good reason why design professionals (and product representatives) should get involved with Puget Sound Chapter CSI. Where else can you meet product representatives who will help you with your projects?

Thank you product representatives for all that you do!

David Axt
Puget Sound CSI Chapter President

PROSPEC TRADESHOW & CHAPTER MEETING

ProSpec 2025 will be here before you know it! If you or anyone you know would like to help with planning, please join the ProSpec Committee. We have a couple of open vacancies for 2025. Contact us at office@psccsi.org.

Visit our website which shows all 2024 exhibitors. Be sure to thank them the next time you need help with your project using their products.

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome new and renewing members!

Colleen Hannah, Project Administrator, MG2

Joe Herzog, President, Herzog Glass
CHAPTER FUNNY

Illustration by Matt Gregory

CHAPTER LEADERS

Puget Sound Chapter CSI 2023-2024 Board of Directors

President: David Axt

President-Elect: Vacant

Past President: David Axt

Treasurer: Ken Stilwell
Report and Certification of the 2024 Ballot

Ballot Process

The Bylaws were followed for the election process. The Ballot was delayed one month upon recommendation by the Board and approval at the February chapter membership meeting due to a lack of nominees at the prescribed time to conclude the election by March 14th. Ballots were issued electronically by StarChapter Survey on March 28, first in the morning and then corrected by noon, with the first suspended. Ballot results were tracked and tabulated by the chapter software (StarChapter) anonymously concluding on April 11. Results will be reported by the President and Secretary to CSI National and Northwest Region CSI.

Ballot Totals

Officer - President, one year term 2024-2025: Julie Taylor

Officer - President Elect, one year term 2024-2025: Charlie Calvano

Officer - Secretary, one year term 2024-2025: Stephanie Shea

Officer - Treasurer, two-year term 2024-2026: Ken Stilwell

Director - 1, one-year term 2024-2025 (second half of two year term vacated by Charlie Calvano): Mary Ann Shepherd

Director - 3, two-year term 2024-2026: James Howeth

Director - 4, two-year term 2024-2026: Chris Hills
2024 Board Proposed Bylaws Amendments: Yes

Continuing on the Board without election:

Officer – Immediate Past President, David Axt, one-year term 2024-2025

Director - 2 - President, Marty McGarrigle, two-year term 2023-2025

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

2023-2024 Agenda and Minutes

- April 2024 Agenda and Meeting Minutes - approved
- March 2024 Agenda and Meeting Minutes - approved
- February 2024 Agenda and Meeting Minutes - approved
- January 2024 Agenda and Meeting Minutes - approved
- December 2023 Agenda and Meeting Minutes - approved
- November 2023 Agenda and Meeting Minutes - approved
- October 2023 Agenda and Meeting Minutes - approved

HELP SUPPORT THE CSI MISSION

In 2007, the Puget Sound Chapter CSI established the Puget Sound C.S.I. Memorial Foundation, a separate non-profit organization providing scholarships, fellowships, and grants to promote educational programs serving the construction industry and related endeavors which support the interests and objectives of the Puget Sound Chapter. The Foundation is administered by a board of volunteers, composed of willing past presidents of the Puget Sound Chapter. Any individual or organization can contribute tax deductible donations to the Foundation.

Past donations have been used to award scholarships to candidates selected on the basis of recommendations by the Foundation Board and by Chapter members. The Foundation is always
interested in your fundraising ideas and financial support to promote the Foundation's objectives. Learn more here.

RESOURCES

VOLUNTEERS

PSC CSI is always looking for people to help plan and execute meetings, events - or even just brainstorming! Whether you are new to CSI or experienced, shy or bold... Email PSCCSI for more info!

VETTED BY EXPERTS

If you have read an article you think would benefit PSC CSI, please email office@psccsi.org. We may feature it in an upcoming newsletter!

LEARNING AT LARGE

Are you a Puget Sound Chapter CSI member with an educational event you'd like our subscribers to know about? Email a print ready PDF and JPG with information about your event and we'll include it in our Local Events section in an upcoming Spectrum newsletter. Deadline to submit is the 25th of the month. Newsletters are published the first of the month. Email or questions: office@psccsi.org.

LOCAL EVENTS

IIBEC MEMBERSHIP DRIVE - MAY 2
Help Build Nickelsville a New Kitchen!

Bring your friends, colleagues, and clients for an evening of bowling, pizza, and drinks at Bowlero with the Puget Sound Chapter of IIBEC and learn more about our chapter!

WHAT: IIBEC Puget Sound Chapter Membership Drive
WHEN: Thursday, May 2nd, 2024 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM
WHERE: Bowlero
100 Andover Park West,
Tukwila, Washington

Help Build Nickelsville a New Kitchen!
Nickelsville is a self-managed, tiny house village that serves our unhoused neighbors in Seattle's Northlake area. Their shared kitchen is an open canopy that was badly damaged late last year during a windstorm. AIA Seattle’s Committee on Homelessness (COHO) has been working with the residents to design, fund, and build a new kitchenette and gathering shelter.

Please consider donating HERE to help Nickelsville build this necessary amenity. In-kind donations are also much appreciated.

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EVENTS AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

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